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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: April 12, 2017

SUBJECT: *Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy*
18VAC112-20-10 *et seq.*

I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations Governing the Practice of Physical Therapy, 18VAC112-20-10 *et seq.* The proposed amendments replace references to an obsolete assessment tool provided by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy with references to the current assessment tool offered by the Federation, titled oPTion. The amendments require achievement of a score of Level 2 or higher on the oPTion assessment tool to use participation in the assessment tool for continuing education credit or to replace hours in a supervised traineeship for applicants for licensure by endorsement, or for reinstatement or reactivation if the physical therapist has not been engaged in active practice for the two years immediately preceding application for an active license. The Board has the statutory authority to amend these regulations under Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2400(6), 54.1-3479, and 54.1-3480.1. The proposed amendments are constitutional and do not conflict with existing federal or state laws or regulations.